

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the “Abstract” on page 75 of the specification, with the following amended Abstract:

~~Disclosed is a computer implemented method for estimating at least one requirement for migrating a computer-based application from a source platform to a target platform. The method comprises receiving identifications of respective migration tasks; correlating base costs to respective ones of said migration tasks; receiving identifications of migration attributes that affect migration cost; correlating cost factors to respective ones of said migration tasks, each of said cost factors indicating an amount by which a migration attribute affects the base cost of a migration task; and estimating a cost for each migration task, by applying the cost factors for each migration task to the base cost of the migration task. The method may comprise, separately or additionally, assigning base time requirements to respective ones of said migration tasks; assigning time factors to respective ones of said migration tasks, each time factor indicating an amount by which a migration attribute changes the base time requirement for a migration task; and estimating a time requirement for each identified migration task, by applying all time factors for the migration task to the base time requirement of the migration task. Also disclosed is a computer-readable program product, comprising computer readable program code means for executing the steps of the invented method, in a manner readily known to those skilled in the art.~~

Disclosed is a computer-implemented method and program product for estimating cost and/or time requirements for migrating an application from one platform to another. The

method includes receiving identifications for tasks, receiving at least one assessment type selected for estimating cost and/or time requirement for migration, where the assessment type delineates a degree of accuracy for estimating the cost and/or time requirement for migration, correlating base costs and/or time requirements to the tasks identified, receiving identifications of attributes that affect base costs and/or time requirements, correlating cost and/or time factors to the tasks, a respective cost factor and/or time factor indicating an amount by which an attribute affects the respective base cost and/or time requirement for a task, and estimating cost and/or time requirements for each task, by applying the respective cost and/or time factors for each task to the respective base cost and/or base time requirements for each task.